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Cures all blood diseases and builds up the whole system. There is no "just as good" medicine. Get it today and begin taking it at once.

In usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs. 100 Doses \$1.

Like Thoughts.

The bitter end in cigars is the last half inch.

Everybody is anxious to serve a rich man with a subpoena.

One boarder claims the fruit salad is just another scheme for serving prunes.

When nice men are put up, how are we going to stop a woman from voting for both candidates?

The insurance company agrees to pay a certain amount to one widow.—Washington Herald.

General Information.

Mrs. McCall—How about your servant girl? The last time I saw you you complained about her being so very slow.

Mrs. Hiram Oden—Oh, she's progressing.

Mrs. McCall—Indeed?

Mrs. Hiram Oden—Yes, she's getting slower and slower.—Catholic Standard and Times.

HOWARD E. BERTON—Answer and Comment. I have been reading your column and am glad to hear that you are not a hypocrite.

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It Told the Truth. A countryman on a visit to Glasgow, while walking along Argyle street reading the signboards and the tickets in the shop windows, said to his companion, "How can a three ham shop be the best and cheapest? Every yin of them says that, and the same with the cloth shops, too. They are just a lot of lears."

They continued along the street until, coming opposite a plumber's shop with a big bill in the window with the words "Cast Iron Sinks" printed in large letters on it, he exclaimed: "Well, Jock, here's yin that tells the truth at once. But any half-witted fool knows that cast iron was sink."

—T.H. Bitts.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J.C. Fitch*

A Mild Hint.

Two guests came to spend the evening and didn't know when to depart.

The host and hostess were patient with them, very patient, but when 11, 12 and finally 1 o'clock struck, the husband realized that something must be done. He was an original chap, and in his droll way he looked over at his wife and said mildly: "My dear, hadn't we better get up to bed? Our friends may want to be going."

—Catholic Standard and Times.

BREAKS A COLD IN A DAY.

And Cures Any Cough That Is Curable

Noted Physician's Formula.

This prescription is one of the very best known to science. The ingredients can be gotten from any good druggist or he will get them from his wholesale house.

"Mix half pint of good whiskey with two ounces of glycerine and add one half ounce concentrated pine compound. The bottle is to be well shaken each time and used in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours."

The concentrated pine is a specific pine product and comes only in half ounce bottles, each enclosed in an air tight case, but be sure it is labeled "Concentrated."

Food Scarcity.

This circular describing the Mounting true says you can sit at the dinner table and see the beautiful mountain peaks," said the man who contemplated going.

"That is true," replied the one who had been, "and that's just about all you can see."—Yonkers Statesman.

Headache

"My father has been a sufferer from sick headache for the last twenty-five years and never found any relief until he began taking your Cascarets. Since he has begun taking Cascarets he has never had the headache. They have entirely cured him. Cascarets do what you recommend them to do. I will give you the privilege of using his name."—E. M. Dickson, 1120 Resistor St., W. Indianapolis, Ind.

Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good. Do Good. Never Sicken, Weaken or Grip. 10c, 25c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. The genuine tablet stamped C.C.C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back.

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Stops Hair Falling

Ayer's Hair Vigor, new improved formula, will certainly stop falling of the hair. Indeed, we believe it will always do this unless there is some disturbance of the general health. Then, a constitutional medicine may be necessary. Consult your physician about this.

Does not change the color of the hair.

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BELGIAN KING DYING

Mind Remains Clear, Condition Is Practically Hopeless.

MAY OPERATE AS LAST RESORT

Dying Monarch Calmly Makes Will, Receives Sacrament and Bids Farewell to All.

Brussels, Dec. 14.—At 5 o'clock this morning the condition of King Leopold was unchanged.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—Leopold II, king of the Belgians, tonight is making a desperate effort for his life, and the odds are strongly against the aged monarch.

As a last resort, the surgeon's knife will be tried tomorrow. If the operation is successful, King Leopold may live. If it fails, the end is inevitable. All will depend on the king's strength and vitality, which are ebbing fast.

Rheumatism has already conquered the aged and wasted frame. Dropsy has developed, and an obstruction of the intestines, which must be removed, has greatly aggravated his condition.

The general opinion is that the king will not survive the operation. Indeed he may die at any moment. The monarch is rather optimistic, and today exclaimed to his physician: "Operate, and the sooner the better." But he added with a wan, wistful smile: "Perhaps, doctor, the long, long journey is at hand."

King Leopold is still as lucid of intellect as ever. This masterful mind, which conceived and carried out the gigantic Congo project and roused the whole world into bitter indictment and discussion, calmly directed what seems to be the final chapter in his spectacular career.

The picture was pathetic enough. Separated from his two eldest daughters by a tragic skein of events, with scandal of his own personal life whispered by every tongue, Leopold lay tonight in "The Palace," a little pavilion of six rooms, close to the great park, attended by his faithful daughter Princess Clementine, Crown Prince Albert and the royal household.

The day was a mixture of anxiety, hope and despair. As his strength failed the king, his chaplain, an aged priest, with tears wetting his cheeks, approached the bed to hear the king's confession and administer communion and extreme unction. In the morning the king, assisted by a notary and solicitors, settled his private affairs.

To Count Outremont, marshal of the court, his majesty said: "You have served me well for more than 20 years. I am grateful. Before I die, I want to tell you so and give you my thanks."

The king then summoned Princess Clementine, whom he kissed several times, telling her not to cry. She was led fainting from the room. Other relatives followed.

Subsequently he received the papal nuncio, who brought the benediction of the holy father, and the Spanish minister. The mayor of Brussels came to the castle as the bearer of the good wishes of the people of Brussels, and to express the popular hope that his majesty would recover, but the king was too tired to receive him.

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AMERICAN MEAT SHUT OUT.

German Conservatives Strongly Oppose Tariff Concessions.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—In the conservative party convention today at Berlin, Count Scherwitz-Lewitz, one of the most prominent agrarian members of the reichstag, took strong ground against Germany's making concessions on American meats in order to secure better tariff rates.

"The higher duties in the new tariff," he said, "are especially unfavorable to Germany, but German agriculture is practically concerned about the question whether the German conventional tariff will be accepted again by Americans without something equivalent in the way of concessions, because of the fear in agricultural circles that the federal government might make the provisions for the American meat imports—adapted for the protection of the health of our people and today more necessary than ever—the subject of commercial treaty negotiations. This fear I regard as unfounded, in view of the certain information which has been conveyed to me."

"Such a thing I would expect even less from the present chancellier than from his predecessor. He values too highly the interests of our public health and it too just toward our German livestock growers to do such a thing. Moreover, the chancellier knows too well the sentiments of the country and the great majority of the reichstag."

BREEDING IS ALL PROFIT.

Paper to Be Devoted to Enrichment Through Better Stock.

Omaha, Dec. 13.—Willett M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, with his associates, will start a magazine devoted to the scientific breeding of plants and animals. A new department has been organized in the American Breeders' association to study the heredity in man, and David Starr Jordan will head the work and conduct this department in the magazine.

This was decided at the closing meeting of the American Breeders' association today, when 1200 new members were obtained and the organization voted to ask manufacturing, commercial and transportation interests desiring an increase in farm products to provide the association with sufficient funds to put the publication on a business basis at once.

Assistant Secretary Hays, of the Breeders' association, said: "We have at least induced the public to believe that a billion dollars can be added to our plant and animal products by scientific breeding. Another billion can be added by bringing more acres under cultivation and adding fertilizers."

"The scientific fact, however, is that the billion added by breeding will be almost all profit, while the increase from more and better farming will cost \$900,000,000."

ST. CROIX OIL SOAKED.

Former Engineer on Burned Craft Testifies Tanks Leaked.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—That the fuel oil tanks of the steamer St. Croix, which was destroyed by fire off the coast of southern California, leaked badly and allowed seven barrels of oil to ooze into the bilge during one trip, was the statement made today to the federal inspectors by John D. Drullard, formerly first assistant engineer of the burned craft.

Drullard was not on the St. Croix at the time of the disaster. He stated that the condition of the vessel was such that he did not care to go to sea aboard of her, and left the employment of the company after making his fourth trip.

Drullard said he discovered the condition of the tanks and reported it to Chief Engineer Doe, who ordered that they be loaded only to the point where the leaks were located. This order was later countermanded by Captain Warner, according to the witness, and the tanks filled to the top. The witness stated that he measured the oil in the hold, and found it was several inches deep. From this he computed a total leakage of 7 1/2 barrels. Orders were issued against open lights below decks, but Drullard said that he twice found lamps burning and threw them overboard.

Drullard believed that a lighted cigarette might have been thrown down a ventilator by a passenger and caused the fire.

The inquiry closed today.

Editor's Home Dynamited.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—The residence of Harry B. Wandell, city editor of the St. Louis Star, was dynamited early this morning. The front door and windows were blown out. A man was seen running away from the house. No person was injured. Recently Wandell was slugged as he was entering the Star building. A note shoved under the door and found after the explosion, read: "H. B. Wandell: Be careful; next time after the explosion Wandell collapsed and was put under the care of a physician."

Arbitration Will Begin.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Negotiations between the railroad conference committee, representing the General Managers' association, and the switchmen's committee will begin in Chicago on Monday, according to an unauthorized statement issued here today by the General Managers' association. Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp and Labor Commissioner Neill on Monday will take by also the dispute between the Illinois Central railroad and its telegraphers, who have asked for an increase of 10 per cent in wages.

Sutton Case Is Up Again.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Sutton case is to be revived. Mrs. Rosa B. Sutton, mother of Lieutenant James N. Sutton, who died at Annapolis under peculiar circumstances, is preparing, with her attorneys, to go before the Maryland grand jury when its sessions are resumed in Baltimore next month and attempt to secure indictment of one or more of Lieutenant Sutton's fellow officers who figured in the Annapolis inquiry last summer.

Oldest Oddfellow Dead.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 13.—Phineas Bachelder, said to have been the oldest member of the Independent Order of Odd fellows in the world, died last night, aged 98 years. He had been an Odd fellow for more than half a century, and had held the office of grand patriarch.

FACTS IN TARLORD FORM.

Over 1,500 different kinds of insects feed upon the oak.

Hydrogen gas for ballooning is obtained by an electric process.

The British patent office business showed a decrease during the last year.